

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Pending claims

Claims 1 to 220, as filed, are pending.

Claims canceled

In the instant preliminary amendment, claims 2 to 26, 28 to 30, 32, 33, 35 to 37, 43, 44, 46, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 58, 61 to 90, 93, 94, 97, 99, 101, 105, 107, 113 to 115, 117 to 119, 123 to 125, 127 to 130, 132 to 140, 142 to 145, 147 to 161, 165 to 172, 174, 179, 182 to 186, 188, 190 to 196, 198, 207, 208, 212 and 214 to 220, are canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1, 27, 31, 34, 38 to 42, 45, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 57, 59, 60, 91, 92, 95, 96, 98, 100, 102 to 104, 106, 108 to 112, 116, 120 to 122, 126, 131, 141, 146, 162 to 164, 173, 175 to 178, 180, 181, 187, 189, 197, 199 to 206, 209 to 211 and 213, will be pending after entry of this amendment.

Support for the Claim Amendments

The specification sets forth an extensive description of the invention in the amended claims. For example, support for the amended claims can be found in the claims as filed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by the instant amendment.

Sequence Listing

The Specification has been amended to provide information regarding the electronic submission of the Sequence Listing via EFS Web. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, entry of the Sequence Listing into the above-captioned case is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully aver that the all claims pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 564462009500. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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